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MEMORANDUM FOR: Records Management Board Members

SUBJECT : Meeting on Executive Order 11652

1. It is requested that the Records Management Officers, Security Officers, Executive Officers, Administrative Officers or other appropriate personnel from your Directorate be asked to attend an informal meeting at the times and places indicated below.

2. ~~The meeting will bring those attending up to date as to current interpretations of Executive Order 11652 and policies arising from our experience in implementing it since 7 June 1972. Advanced coordination copies of our proposed handbook which contains detailed guidance for the standardized implementation of [] will be distributed prior to the meeting in order that they may be explained and discussed at the meeting.~~

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3. The following schedule will apply:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>ATTENDEES FROM</u>
23 Feb	1400-1500	1-E-78	DDS&T
26 Feb	1400-1500	1-E-78	DDS and DCI
27 Feb	1400-1500	1-E-78	DDI
28 Feb	1400-1500	1-E-74	DDP

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Surprise Visits Proposed in New Plan To Cut Unnecessary Agency Secrecy

Associated Press

Inspectors are likely to spot-check government agencies in the future, sometimes in surprise visits, to make sure they comply with new rules President Carter's aides are writing for keeping secrets.

Administration officials say the inspections are likely to be covered in the revised draft of rules governing classified documents. The present rules were written by former President Richard M. Nixon.

The new order is aimed at fulfilling Carter's campaign promise to run an open administration.

"We're trying to find a way to get . . . into agency files," said one administration official. "That could mean just dropping in . . . or making arrangements ahead of time to come out, say next week, and check."

THE OFFICIAL said inspections would be "to see if they are keeping stuff classified that shouldn't be, or if they're overclassifying — and to make sure they're declassifying according to schedule."

An earlier draft of Carter's order came under sharp attack from such groups as the American Civil Liberties Union, which said it didn't go far enough to prevent classification abuses.

Preparing a second draft means the president probably won't have a document to sign much before Christmas. The administration plans to put the new order into effect early next year.

Carter aides say they probably will scrap a first-

draft proposal to develop a standard secrecy agreement by which agencies could have required employees to promise never to reveal classified information.

The earlier proposal would have allowed any agency with authority to classify documents to require of its employees a secrecy pledge as "a precondition of access to classified information."

Rep. Richardson Preyer, D-N.C., chairman of the House government information subcommittee, called the standard pledge "singularly objectionable" because it would have "a distinctly chilling effect on potential whistle blowers, and (it) seems particularly inappropriate in an executive order whose objective is greater openness."

A "WHISTLE BLOWER" in government jargon is someone who reveals wrongdoing despite attempts to keep it a secret.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we booted the secrecy agreement," said one official.

"That seems to be the drift of what the staff recommendations seem to be," said another source. "The sense of the staff would be to recommend dropping any reference to any kind of secrecy agreement."

However, the officials say individual agencies still could impose secrecy agreements of their own.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Delegation of Authority to Classify
and Declassify Top Secret

1. Action Requested: Delegation of Top Secret classification and declassification authority.

2. Basic Data:

a. The provisions of Executive Order 11652 require that Top Secret classifying and declassifying authority be delegated by the head of an agency in writing.

b. As a result of personnel changes and the initiation of a Thirty-Year Declassification Program, the need exists for such authority to be delegated to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Position No.</u>	
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/s/John E. Blake

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